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LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. - (Currently Amended) Method for manufacturing visual communication panels

comprising a support, that is to be provided on at least one side with a skin coating

made of porcelain or vitreous enamelled metal glazed at temperatures above 500°C,

comprising the steps: applying a continuous skin coating layer of porcelain or vitreous

enamelled metal on at least one side of a continuous support in the form of a plating;

gluing the skin coating layer on the support; [[in]] pressing the skin coating layer against

the support to form a continuous panel with the required thickness; and finally,

optionally, sawing the resulting continuous panel into individual panels having desired

dimensions.

2. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the continuous support

is provided with a continuous skin coating layer on either side, and wherein at least one

skin coating layer is formed of porcelain or vitreous enamelled metal glazed at

temperatures above 500°C.

3. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein for pressing on each

skin coating layer, the support is synchronously led through a laminating device

together with each skin coating layer, and wherein each continuous skin coating layer is

unwound from a roll.

4. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3, wherein each skin coating layer

is heated before being led into the laminating device.

5. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 2, wherein between the support

and each skin coating layer there is provided a layer of glue.

6. - (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 5, wherein each layer of glue

comprises a cold glue.

7. - (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 5, wherein each layer of glue

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comprises a hot glue which melts under the influence of heat and congeals again when

cooled.

8. - (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 7, wherein the layer of glue is

based on a hot glue in the form of a hot-melt adhesive.

9. - (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 7, wherein the layer of glue

comprises polymers in the form of hot-melt adhesive granules or powders.

10. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3, wherein the support and each

skin coating layer is subsequently heated and cooled again.

11. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3, wherein each layer of glue is

formed of an adhesive film wound on a roll and which is fed through the laminating

device together with and between the support and each respective skin coating layer.

12. - (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 11, wherein each layer of glue is

provided on at least one of the support and each skin soating layer.

13. - (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 5, wherein each layer of glue is

obtained from adhesive granules which are extruded to form an adhesive film.

14. - (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 5, wherein the process for

obtaining each layer of glue is selected from the group consisting of: spraying, curtain

coating, roller coating, silkscreen printing, stencilling and powdering.

15. - (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 14, wherein the support, when

being supplied, is already provided with a layer of glue, or in that the material of the

supplied support comprises gluing components or has gluing properties.

16. - (Currently Amended) Device for manufacturing visual communication panels

according to the method of claim 3, comprising a transport table providing a continuous

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support; at least one roll of a continuous skin coating layer which is formed of a

continuous layer of porcelain or vitreous enamelled metal; a laminating device through

which the support and the skin coating layer are led; a gluing means for gluing the skin

coating layer to the support; and optionally a sawing device downstream of the

laminating device.

17. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, including two rolls of a skin

coating layer, of which at least one skin coating layer is formed of porcelain or vitreous

[[an]] enamelled metal, wherein the support is movable through the laminating device

between the skin coating layers and wherein the glue applying means is arranged to

apply a layer of glue between the support and both skin coating layers.

18. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, including: one or more

heating appliances which are provided opposite to the skin coating layer or layers.

19. - (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 16, wherein the laminating

device is formed of a table and an endless belt opposite to said table, and of two

endless belts erected opposite to one another, wherein the laminating device is

provided with heating elements and with cooling elements.

20. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, wherein glue applying means

comprises one or two rolls carrying an adhesive film, wherein the or each adhesive film

is lead through the laminating device between the support and a respective skin coating

layer.

21. - (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, wherein the glue applying

means (17) is formed of at least one extruding application which is fed with adhesive

granules.

22. - (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 16, wherein the glue applying

means comprises one or more appliances for applying glue selected from the group

consisting of spraying, curtain coating, roller coating, silkscreen printing, stencilling and

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scattering glue.

23. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the support is manufactured

synchronously with the visual communication panel.

24. (New) Method according to claim 16, wherein the support is manufactured in the

form of a honeycomb structure of synthetic material by at least extruding the synthetic

material resulting in a foil and by moulding this foil in a press and by folding the

moulded foil in a folding installation and a laminating device.

25. (New) Method according to claim 17, wherein the layer of glue is formed of an

adhesive film wound on a roll and which is fed through a laminating device as of this roll

together with and between the support and the respective skin layer or layers.